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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1115

Saturday, the *27th July 1940*
12th Karkadagam 1115

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUGHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.), in the Chair.

Messrs. T. K. Nayar, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, Ismail Hajee Essa Sait, A. B. Salem, Shabdai S. Koder and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

GRANTS PAID—YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION, TRICHUR

101. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amounts given as grant, donation, or other kinds of payments to the Young Men's Association, Trichur in 1114 and 1115 separately from the funds for Rural Development in different Departments under the Hon'ble Minister;

(*b*) whether any grant is given to this institution for any Library or Reading Room; the name of this Library; where is it situated; the amount paid;

(*c*) whether any grant for agricultural or horticultural operations is given to this institution?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) *Public Health Department.*—Rs. 100 and Rs. 50 in the years 1114 and 1115 were given to the Association as grants to the All India Swadeshi Exhibition.

Rural Development Department.—A sum of Rs. 150 had been given as free grant to the Rural Reconstruction Range, Ramavarmapuram, conducted under

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the auspices of the Association, to start the work of sheds for housing cattle, sheep, etc., and for such other purposes of rural activities in 1115. A sum of Rs. 75 was given towards grant to the All India Swadeshi Exhibition conducted in 1115.

Agricultural Department.—1114 .. Rs. 204—3—0
1115 .. .. .. Rs. 68—9—8

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The amounts given from the Agricultural Department in 1114 and 1115 are for plants, seeds, seedlings, implements, manures, stud goats, etc. The Agricultural Department will also give a stud bull, two Pollachi cows and 2 she-goats when the sheds for housing them are constructed.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Rural Reconstruction range at Ramavarmapuram is in Government property or in private land?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* In Government land.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* How many acres have been given?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Nine and odd acres.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the grant is under any terms or conditions?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are many terms and couditions. If you want detail information, I shall give the terms later on.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether these lump sum grants that are given to this association will be paid back to the Government?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The very meaning of the word "grant" precludes it being returned.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* A grant does not mean anything like that.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, so far at least this department is concerned.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know Sir, whether there are any other institutions which get such grants?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Innumerable. A long list.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether any officer of the Rural Development Department or any officer of the transferred departments has inspected the operations which they are conducting at Ramavarmapuram?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, very often.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* The Y. M. A. at Trichur are doing very useful work. Is it not?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. They have got a membership of more than 100 young men. The majority of them are clerks in Government service, school masters, merchants and students. Dr. Natarajan has observed, on seeing the work turned out by them, that that was the proper line to be taken. We have given only a pittance. They have spent about Rs. 1,700 there.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to entrust the Cherpu Rural Development Centre to the Y.M.A. Trichur?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development) :* That question does not arise.

TOBACCO CULTIVATION—EXPERIMENTS IN

102. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any attempt has been made to experiment tobacco cultivation in the State in 1115; and

(*b*) if the answer to question (*a*) is in the affirmative, the results of the experiment?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The result is satisfactory where the curing is completed.

LIVE-STOCK—RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE—COST OF MAINTENANCE, ETC.

103. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total value of live-stock purchased originally in the Rural Development Centre under the following heads.—

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